their projects themselves or go in privatisation;

(c) whether the project authorities stressed that they should be freed from all interference to operate on a commercial basis; and

(d) if so, what is the view taken by Government with respect to their said demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Scheme for generating jobs for educated unemployed youth

7307. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various schemes and programmes for generating jobs for educated unemployed youth in the country particularly in the State of Punjab;

(b) the targets fixed for the year 1995-96 and 1996-97; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to accelerate more jobs during the remaining period of the Eighth Five Year Plan in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNMACHALAM): (a) The Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana launched in the country from 2nd October, 1993, is a step to provide employment opportunities to more than a million persons by setting up of 7 lakhs micro enterprises by the educated unemployed youth in the country including the State of Punjab.

Prior to Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) the Central Government operated Self-employment Scheme for Educated Unemployed Youth (SEEUY) since 1983. The Scheme of SEEUY was subsumed in PMRY in 1994-95.

Under PMRY a target of 40,000 and 2.20 lakhs was fixed for the country as a whole during 1993-94 and 1994-95 respectively. Out of this, target for the State of Punjab was 965 for 1993-94 and 4900 for 1994-95. Number of cases sanctioned by banks in Punjab are 1030 and 5357 for 1993-94 and 1994-95 respectively.

(b) and (c) A target for the country under the scheme for 1995-96 has been fixed as 2.60 lakhs beneficiaries. This includes the backlog in implementation in the first two years of the scheme.

Target for 1996-97 will be fixed based on the achievements of 1995-96, so as to achieve a target of 7 lakh cases under PMRY during the VIII Five Year Plan.

Growth Centres in Orissa

7308. SHRI BASANT KUMAR DAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Growth Centre scheme is operational in Orissa to develop Industrially backward areas of the State;

(b) if so, how many growth centres have so far been approved for the State of Orissa; and

(c) where they are located and how much investment has so far been made by the Central Government therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Under the Growth Centre Scheme 1988, Orissa has been allotted 4 Growth Centres. These are at Chhatrapur (district Ganjam), Chiplima (district Sambalpur), Duburi (district Jajpur) and Kesinga (district Kalahandi). So far, Central assistance of Rs. 50 lakhs has been released to each of the three Growth Centres at, Chhatrapur, Chiplima and Duburi.

PM's Rozgar Yojana in Orissa

7309. SHRI BASANT KUMAR DAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many persons were to be covered under the PM's Rozgar Yojana